

were exacerbated by another decision made within the Counterterrorist Center at Langley.

The CIA program's original scope was to hide and interrogate the two dozen or so al Qaeda leaders believed to be directly responsible for the Sept. 11 attacks, or who posed an imminent threat, or had knowledge of the larger al Qaeda network. But as the volume of leads pouring into the CTC from abroad increased, and the capacity of its paramilitary group to seize suspects grew, the CIA began apprehending more people whose intelligence value and links to terrorism were less certain, according to four current and former officials.

The original standard for consigning suspects to the invisible universe was lowered or ignored, they said. "They've got many, many more who don't reach any threshold," one intelligence official said.

Several former and current intelligence officials, as well as several other U.S. government officials with knowledge of the program, express frustration that the White House and the leaders of the intelligence community have not made it a priority to decide whether the secret internment program should continue in its current form, or be replaced by some other approach.

Meanwhile, the debate over the wisdom of the program continues among CIA officers, some of whom also argue that the secrecy surrounding the program is not sustainable.

"It's just a horrible burden," said the intelligence official.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GUTKNECHT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

IN HONOR OF JOHN T. GARRISON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HAYES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to talk about a lifelong dedicated public servant and friend who has recently passed away. I am referring to John T. Garrison, Sr. To his family and friends he was simply known as Tom.

Tom was the only mayor that the town of Badin, North Carolina, has known since its incorporation in 1990. Tom was extremely active in day-to-day operations of the town and with little or no dissent could be described as the number one advocate for this small Stanly County community.

In addition to guiding the town of Badin, Tom was also active on numerous boards and commissions throughout the region. Tom served in leadership roles with the Stanly County Visitor and Tourism Bureau, the Rural Planning Organization for Stanly, Anson and parts of Union counties, the

Yadkin Pee Dee Lakes Project, the Badin Museum and the Better Badin Committee, and the League of Municipalities.

Prior to entering elected public service, Tom served his community in several other ways. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and past chapter president of his local Rotary Club in Albemarle, North Carolina. Tom was also an active member of the Stanly County Chamber of Commerce, Stanly County 2000 Committee, and maybe most importantly, Tom was an active member of the Committee of Boy Scout Troop 82.

Mr. Speaker, this great American answered the call to public service at an early age. As a young man, he entered military service and distinguished himself among his peers by earning a battlefield commission, the Silver Star, and numerous other awards and honors as he served his nearly 2 years in the European Theatre of Operations during World War II. Upon returning home, Tom served for 20 additional years in the North Carolina National Guard.

Mr. Speaker, most of us would consider that life to be full and complete, but not for Tom. Tom was married to his wife, Anne, until her passing, and brought up three children, Ellen, John, Jr., and Lenora, who combined have five children of their own. Tom also earned a college degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was a successful professional in the real estate and insurance industries as well.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, Tom was extremely dedicated to his family, his community, and our Nation. Mr. Speaker, Tom Garrison embodied the great American pride and spirit that we all desire. He worked tirelessly along with his twin brother, Jim, who was very active in State and local politics, in an effort to create hope, opportunity, and prosperity for the people in his community, region, and State.

Mayor Tom Garrison will be remembered by all for his constant championing on behalf of his constituents and his willingness to dedicate his life to public service. I am proud to call Tom a friend and a neighbor, and I deeply regret his passing.

Tom, like many other champions around the Nation, did not seek public recognition for his efforts. He simply wanted to make the lives of the people in his community the best they could be.

LIBBY REPLACEMENT MORE OF THE SAME OLD THING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, the more things change, the more they stay the same. The resignation of Scooter Libby as the Vice President's chief of staff after receiving a five-count indictment was appropriate and welcome. But Mr. Libby's replacement,

David Addington, is another long-time Cheney confidante who is part of the same secretive cabal of neoconservative ideologues, those who have deceived, fabricated, and added innuendo to march this country off to a bloody, destructive, and disastrous war.

Mr. Addington is mentioned in the Libby indictment, and there is convincing evidence that he was part of the campaign to discredit and damage anyone, including Ambassador Joe Wilson and Valerie Plame Wilson, who questioned the administration's misuse of intelligence to justify the Iraq invasion. So this is not exactly an administration house-cleaning. Instead of a badly needed culture change at the White House, what we are getting is business as usual.

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One Washington lawyer who knows Mr. Addington well described him this way in the New York Times: He said, "There are some people in the government who are diplomats and others in government who are warriors, and Addington certainly falls on the warrior side of that line." Great. Just what we need right now. Another arrogant, sharp-elbowed political dark artist.

Perhaps most disturbing of all, David Addington is pro-torture. David Addington is pro-torture. He makes the rest of the Bush administration look like an Amnesty International inspection team. More than a year ago, the Washington Post described Addington as "a principal author of the White House memo justifying torture of terrorism suspects" and "a prime advocate of arguments supporting the holding of terrorism suspects without access to courts." What a breath of fresh air, especially on the same day that we learned, courtesy of the Washington Post, that the CIA has been running a secret network of prison camps home to some of the most depraved interrogation techniques, often on detainees who do not have any useful intelligence to offer us. It is no wonder the Vice President's office has been trying to water down an anti-torture amendment, which passed the Senate 90 to 9, to allow an exemption for the CIA to continue cruel and degrading treatment of prisoners.

David Addington, a man privileged to occupy a position of authority in our government, has used his post to advocate ferociously for a war in which he is asked to sacrifice nothing.

Compare him to a modest and ordinary citizen laid to rest earlier today, Rosa Parks, who took personal risks to correct an injustice and ensure that America lived up to her ideals.

And compare Mr. Addington's cynicism to the fresh idealism I saw firsthand when I visited our soldiers in Iraq a month ago. These young Americans are selfless and heroic beyond belief. Some of them do have personal misgivings about our Iraq policy, but they know it is not their job to question the